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1. INDOCHINA

FORMER GVN INTELL AGENCY HEAD SAYS FRENCH GOVT, NOT CIA, ORDERED DIEM'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE RESISTED INCREASED US MIL PRESENCE THAT WOULD PROTECT RESIDUAL FRENCH POL, ECON INTERESTS. FRENCH EMBASSY SAYS ALLEGATIONS "NOT CREDIBLE ENOUGH" TO WARRANT RESPONSE (AP SUN 7/13).

HEAD LEADING VN TEXTILE CONCERN ARRESTED AFTER WORKERS UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLAINED OF EXPLOITATION, WORKING LONG HOURS AT LOW PAY UNDER PREVIOUS REGIME. QUESTION IS WHETHER HE WAS SLAVE-DRIVER WHO MADE PROFITS AT EMPLOYEES' EXPENSE OR MERELY GOOD BUSINESSMAN (UPI, NYT).FENTON

(WP) FROM SAIGON NOTICES PACE OF LIFE SLACKENING IN CHOLON, THOUGH SHOPS STILL FULL OF GOODS. REPORTS SMUGGLING ON WAY OUT, ORTHODOX BUSINESS ALSO HAS PROBLEMS. NOTES TAIWAN EMBASSY LOOTED OF MANY BLANK PASSPORTS IN CLOSING DAYS OF WAR; WONDERS HOW MANY CHINESE WILL ASK TO LEAVE COUNTRY AND HOW CONVINCING CREDENTIALS WILL BE.

UPI'S DAWSON, STILL IN SAIGON, REPORTS ORPHANS LEFT THERE STILL IN ORPHANAGES THAT CONTINUE OPERATE THOUGH THOSE PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED BY AMERICANS WOULD LIKE CONTINUE RECEIVE MONEY. QUOTES AMCIT WHO WORKS AT ORPHANAGE THAT MORE CHILDREN BEING ABANDONED NOW BECAUSE PEOPLE POORER; VIET HOSPITAL DIRECTOR SAYS PRG HAS TREATED HIM WELL.

NYT'S KAMM IN VIENTIANE (7/13) SAYS END OF WAR HASN'T BROUGHT PEACE TO THOUSANDS OF MEO TRIBESMEN. MANY FLED TO THAILAND, OTHERS LEFT HOMES TO WANDER HILLS SEARCHING FOR WAY OUT. RECOUNTS MEO ROLE IN WAR UNDER COMMAND VANG PAO. QUOTES THOSE CLOSE TO SITUATION THAT ONLY VIABLE FUTURE FOR MEOS IN LAOS, AND ANTHROPOLOGIST THAT MEOS' HISTORY HAS CONSISTED IN RUNNING SOUTHWARD FROM NATIONS THAT WANTED TO GOVERN THEM AND THEY WERE HAPPIEST IN LAOS BECAUSE WEAK GOVT LEFT THEM ALONE; NOW THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO RUN TO BE LEFT ALONE.

PALLING (WP 7/13) AT THAI BORDER REFUGEE CAMP QUOTES ESCAPEES THAT LIFE UNDER KR AUSTERE, FREQUENTLY HARSH, WITH SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO DISOBEY ORDERS. ACCOUNTS DEAL WITH LOCALIZED EVENTS, SO NO ONE OUTSIDE CAMBODIA HAS CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED SINCE KR TAKEOVER. NOTES PP RADIO BROADCASTS OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF PEOPLE'S EFFORTS PLANT RICE, RAISE FARM PRODUCTION. BELIEVES POLICY OF EVACUATION OF CITIES IS TO MAKE COUNTRY SELF-UNCLASSIFIED

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SUFFICIENT IN FOOD, REEDUCATE TOWN DWELLERS IN WAYS OF PEASANT REVOLUTION; THOUSANDS EXPECTED TO DIE BECAUSE OF POOR CONDITION, INADEQUATE NUTRITION. FINDS NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTED ORGANIZED RESISTANCE WITHIN CAMBODIA. SAYS DIFFICULT PREDICT SHAPE NEW GOVT IN CAMBODIA, BUT SEEMS SIHANOUK WILL HAVE MINOR ROLE.

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

SUN'S ROZHON (7/13) DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON REFUGEES AT INDIANTOWN GAP, FINDS ANXIETY ABOUT FUTURE GROWING, GIVES VIGNETTES OF INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR

PROBLEMS. CONCLUDES FOR MOST, FREEDOM MEANS NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE.

3. CHINA

ROC RELEASES OVER 3600 CONVICTS UNDER SPECIAL AMNESTY MARKING 100TH DAY AFTER CKS DEATH. OFFICIALY SOURCES SAY 400 MORE TO BE FREED LATER (NYT, WP, SUN).

SECOND OF 10 NATLIST CHINESE OFFICERS RELEASED BY PEKING 4 MONTHS AGO LEAVES HK FOR US AFTER FAILING OBTAIN ROC VISA (AP NYDN, WP).

PRC COMMUNE PEASANTS DISCOVER THOUSANDS LIFE-SIZE POTTERY WARRIOR FIGURES BURIED NEAR SIAN OVER 2000 YRS AGO. NCNA REPORTS "POTTERY ARMY" APPEARS APPEARS ONE OF MOST EXTRAORDINARY ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS EVER; 10000 RELICS ALREADY UNEARTHED (NYT, 7/12).

4. JAPAN

USCG SATURDAY SEIZED JAPANESE TRAWLER ABOUT 90 MILES NE OF CAPE HENRY, VIRGINIA FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATION CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES RESOURCES LAW, AFTER NOTIFYING DOS. DAISHUN-MARU ALLEGEDLY TOOK SHELLFISH PROHIBITED BY LAW. VESSEL HELD BY USCG AT PORTSMOUTH, CREW DETAINED ON BOARD (AP SUN, PHINQ).

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SOME 500 FISHERMEN IN PORT OF ERIMO SUNDAY PROTESTED SOVIET FISHING OPERATIONS OFF HOKKAIDO (AFP, WP).

EPA RESEARCH CHIEF MIYAZAKI FRIDAY TOLD FOREIGN PRESS MIKI WOULD SEEK PERSUADE FORD IN AUGUST SUMMIT TALK REOPEN OIL CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOG SOON AS POSSIBLE; WOULD ALSO SEEK ASSURANCES OF US, JAPAN COOPERATION TO MEET POSSIBLE FUTURE CRUDE OIL PRICE HIKES UNDER COMMON STRATEGY. SAID JFY 75 GNP MAY GROW ONLY 1 TO 2 PERCENT, WITH RECOVERY NOT STARTING UNTIL SECOND HALF (JOC, TOKYO).

WSJ NOTES FEW PLANTS HAVE APPLIED FOR GOJ RELOCATION ASSISTANCE UNDER 1972 LAW TO RELOCATE INDUSTRY FROM OVERCROWDED URBAN AREAS TO RURAL AREAS. LAW PART OF THEN PM TANAKA PLAN REMODEL JAPAN.

MANAGING DIRECTOR ODENSE STEEL SHIPYARD LTD, BIGGEST IN WESTERN WORLD IN TONNAGE BUILT, LAST WEEK URGED EC BRUSSELS TAKE UP URGENTLY "DUMPING" BY JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS WHICH THREATENS "KILL" INDUSTRY; REJECTED GOVT SUBSIDIES AS SOLUTION EUR SHIPBUILDERS' PROBLEMS (JOC, COPENHAGEN).

CHITRIB CARRIES NYT SERVICE REPORT ON CAMPAIGN TO EMPHASIZE
. MASCULINITY OF SAKE TO TRY RECAPTURE SHARE OF
MARKET. WHISKEY CONSUMPTION ROSE 15 PERCENT LAST YEAR,
SAKE FELL SEVEN PERCENT.

5. AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY COUNCIL SAYS PETROCHEMICAL
INDUSTRY BEING DISADVANTAGED BY GOA'S OIL ALLOCATION FORMULA
DUE TO WIDE PRICE VARIATION OF DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED CRUDE
OIL. COUNCIL BELIEVES ALL OIL USERS SHOULD BE GRANTED
EQUAL ACCESS TO LOCAL CRUDE (STOVE, JOC).

6. MICRONESIA

HANS WILIANDER, MEMBER MICRONESIAN CONGRESS, CONCLUDES
PRC VISIT, SAYS MICRONESIA ABLE LEARN MUCH FROM PRC,
PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC SELF-RELIANCE, SELF-CENTERED
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EDUCATION. WILIANDER STATES TRIP REINFORCED HIS VIEW
THAT INDEPENDENCE RATHER THAN US AFFILIATION WOULD BE
BEST COURSE FOR MICRONESIA (OBERDORFER, WP; IN USIA
WIRELESS FILE).

7. PHILIPPINES

NYT (7/12) REPORTS AMB SULLIVAN WILL RETURN MANILA THIS
WEEK FOR EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH MARCOS, OTHER
GOP OFFICIALS, ON BASES AGREEMENTS. SAYS CONSIDERABLE
SYMPATHY IN US WITH PHILS' DESIRE FOR MORE CONTROL OVER
BASES, BUT US DOES NOT WISH GIVE UP RIGHTS TO USE BASES,
WHOSE IMPORTANCE INCREASED AFTER INDOCHINA DEBACLE.

SEA-LAND SERVICE ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF CONTAINER SERVICE
TO CEBU ISLAND (JOC).

8. HONG KONG

WATER POLLUTION MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM IN HK;
SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION GALLONS TREATED AND UNTREATED
SEWAGE ENTERS HARBOR EVERYDAY. THOUGH POLLUTERS SUBJECT
TO 4000 DOL FINE AND 6-MONTH PRISON TERM, MARINE DEPT
STILL MUST MANUALLY REMOVE 18 TONS REFUSE FROM HARBOR
DAILY (AP, NYT).

9. MACAO

PEKING THOUGHT BLOCKING ANY EFFORT BRING CHANGE TO MACAO.
ACCORDING PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS, PRC OPPOSES ANY MACAO
DEMOCRATIZATION BECAUSE OF EFFECT EXCHANGE FLOW (BUTTERFIELD

NYT; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

10. DIEGO GARCIA

DOD EXPECTED WIN SENATE VOTE PERMITTING BUILDING 108
MIL DOL NAVAL AIR LOGISTICAL-SUPPORT BASE, DESPITE
CRITICISM COMING CHIEFLY FROM MANSFIELD RESOLUTION (WSJ).

11. GENERAL

SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY WARNS ASIAN NATIONS THEY COULD
BE DRAWN INTO MILITARY CONFLICTS BY PERMITTING US MIL
INSTALLATIONS ON THEIR TERRITORY (NYT'S CLARITY IN
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MOSCOW). ALSO CHARGES US HAS NOT LEARNED LESSON FROM
INDOCHINA DEFEAT, "EVEN NOW CONTINUES TO REGARD ASIAN
COUNTRIES FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ITS STRATEGY OF BASES"
(AP, NYDN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. INDOCHINA

GOODFELLOW (NYT) SEES EVACUATION OF CAMBODIAN CITIES
AS JOURNEY AWAY FROM DEATH, SINCE FAMINE EXISTED IN
URBAN CENTERS THAT WERE SWOLLEN BY REFUGEES. ADDS
EVACUATION ALSO POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT SINCE PERMITTED
VICTORS REPLACE CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE IN CITIES
WITH OWN PEOPLE. SAYS WITH BOMBING HALT, KR AREAS
BECAME PRODUCTIVE. ADMITS FOOD SHORT, BUT CALLS REPORTS
OF MASS STARVATION "SELF-SERVING EXAGGERATIONS" PLANTED
TO DISCREDIT NEW GOVT. BELIEVES AFTER INITIAL DIFFICUL-
TIES NEW GOVT WILL AGAIN MAKE CAMBODIA FOOD-EXPORTER
(USIA WIRELESS FILE).

13. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

MONTGOMERY (GLOBE) NOTES RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESETTLING
REFUGEES HAS DEVOLVED UPON VOLAGS, CHURCHES, PEOPLE WHO
AGONIZED OVER WAR. WONDERS WHY "WISE MEN" LIKE MCNAMARA,
ROSTOW, KISSINGER, BUNDY, ETC; MEDIA THAT "CHEERLEAD"
WAR; FIRMS THAT PROFITED; KENNEDY AND JOHNSON FAMILIES;
PRES DON'T SPONSOR REFUGEES, PROVIDE WORK FOR THEM.

14. CHINA

O'NEILL (NYDN) SAYS PRC'S "MENTAL CONFORMITY" STAMPED
INDELIBLY ON 800 MILLION MINDS LEAVES "NO COLOR. NO
SPICE. NO FREEDOM." BELIEVES SOCIAL, POLITICAL REGI-
MENTATION CARRIED OUT MORE EFFECTIVELY IN PRC THAN SOVIET,
STATING ASNE MEMBERS SENSED NO "MASSIVE GUN-ENFORCED
REPRESSION IN CHINA" AS THEY DID IN RUSSIA. QUESTIONS
WHETHER NEW GENERATION CHINESE WILL DEMAND MORE FREEDOM
"AFTER FOOD, SECURITY IMPERATIVES MET.

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TANNEBAUM (SUN) SEES MAO, CHOU PREPARING OWN SUCCESSION, WITH WANG HUNG-WEN MOST LIKELY NOMINEE. WANG ALWAYS LISTED AHEAD OF OTHER VICE CHAIRMEN; SPEAKS AS PARTY LEADER IN MAO AND CHOU'S ABSENCE. LOOKING INTO FUTURE, PRC'S TONE MAY BE LESS STRIDENT, BUT CONTENT MOST LIKELY REMAIN UNCHANGED: PRC AS PART OF 3RD WORLD REPRESENTS "MOST REVOLUTIONARY FORCE IN EXISTENCE TODAY" (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN (7/12) ADDS FURTHER COMMENT TO EDWARD WU'S RECENT ARTICLE CONCERNING BIRTH CONTROL IN PRC: CHINESE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING EVERYONE SOME MEDICAL CARE, THUS SUCCESSES IN REDUCING INFANT MORTALITY AS STRIKING AS BIRTH CONTROL SUCCESSES. STATES OVERALL RESULTS APPEAR ALMOST AS GOOD AS US MEDICINE BECAUSE OF EFFORTS MAKE MEDICAL CARE UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE.

WU (SUN) NOTES NANKING, FORMER NATLIST CAPITAL, NOW MOST INDUSTRIALIZED PRC PROVINCE IN PRC. CHANGES CITED SINCE 1950 INCLUDE PLANTING 24 MILLION TREES, FORMER PRESIDENTIAL PALACE NOW HOME NANKING MUNICIPAL MILITIA COMMAND. SUN YAT-SEN STILL RALLYING NAME FOR UNITED FRONT; HIS TOMB IMMACULATELY KEPT, ANNIVERSARIES RITUALLY OBSERVED IN MANY CITIES THROUGHOUT PRC (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

15. JAPAN

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO REVIEWS US BASE CONSOLIDATION IN JAPAN. SAYS STEMS FROM PERIOD WHEN HIGH-PROFILE US BASE PRESENCE EMBARRASSED GOJ POLITICALLY, BUT IRONICALLY CULMINATES WHEN JAPAN SEEKING REASSURANCE OF CONTINUED US DEFENSE COMMITMENT. CITES TOP US COMMANDER THAT CONSOLIDATION WILL NOT REDUCE US CAPABILITY DEFEND JAPAN OR KOREA, BUT ADDS GROWING NUMBER ABANDONED US BASES DISCONCERNING SIGHT FOR SOME JAPANESE IN WAKE OF RECENT US DEFEATS IN SEA.

LINDLEY CLARK (WSJ) STATES "TIRED OLD U.S. ECONOMY" SUDDENLY HAS BECOME DYNAMO, WHICH WGERMANS, JAPANESE HOPE WILL LEAD THEM OUT OF RECESSION. CITES ECONOMISTS THAT POST-WAR RECOVERY, HIGH-GROWTH PHASE ABROAD HAS

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ENDED, AND US ECONOMY LIKELY LOOK BETTER THAN MOST MAJOR COUNTRIES FOR NEXT YEAR OR SO.

MASAYA MORI, TOKYO, IN SEMI-COHERENT, PSUEDO-ANALYTICAL

PAID COMMENTARY IN WP, LAYS CLAIM, INTER ALIA, TO MILLION DOLS SUPPOSEDLY HIDDEN BY AUTHOR YUKIO MISHIMA BEFORE HIS SUICIDE.

ROLLOW AND TERAISHI (WP 7/13) DESCRIBE NEW BREED OF OTHERWISE WELL-BEHAVED TERRORISTS -- FAIRLY WELL EDUCATED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF DECENT FAMILIES -- WHO ENGAGE IN GUERILLA ACTIVITY. STATE LIVES OF THESE SEEMINGLY UNREMARKABLE PEOPLE TELL SOMETHING OF ALIENATION, FRUSTRATION OF AT LEAST SOME JAPANESE YOUTH. OPINE ATTITUDES SEEM PART OF PRICE JAPAN HAS HAD PAY FOR MILITARISTIC PAST, PRESENT ECONOMIC EXPANSION. NOTE MANY JAPANESE PUZZLED HOW THESE POLITE, HARDWORKING YOUTHS COULD PLANT BOMBS, URGE PSYCHOLOGISTS, EDUCATORS ANALYZE CAUSATIVE FACTORS.

EVANS/NOVAK, IN SINGAPORE, SALUTE LEE KUAN YEW AS ONE OF FEW ASIAN LEADERS TO RECOGNIZE HARD FACT THAT PEKING-ORCHESTRATED INSURGENTS HAVE BECOME STRONGER WITH RUSH OF ASEAN NATIONS FOR DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRC (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

17. DIEGO GARICA

CHITRIB SAYS U-2, SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW "QUITE PLAUSIBLY" THAT SOVIETS BUILDING MISSILE STORAGE BASE IN SOMALIA. SUCH ACTIVITY SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON CONGRESS APPROVING DIEGO GARCIA MILITARY EXPANSION PLANS -- YET, "BACKWARD REASONING" SOME SENATORS EXHIBIT MAY DOOM NEEDED BASE.

ADM ZUMWALT (SUN, 7/12) BELIEVES DIEGO GARCIA BASE IMPERATIVE TO KEEP SOVIETS FROM GAINING SUBSTANTIAL CONTROL OVER MIDEAST OIL. TERMS ADMIN'S PLANS "BARE MINIMUM OF PRUDENCE" AND "MODEST ATTEMPT" TO KEEP US INFLUENTIAL IN AREA VITAL TO WESTERN SURVIVAL.

ADM LA ROCQUE (SUN, 7/12) IN OPPOSING VIEW, SAYS ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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US BUILDUP IN AREA WOULD MOST LIKELY PROMPT FURTHER SOVIET RESPONSE. STATES THREAT TO OIL SUPPLY CONTINUITY NOT FROM USSR BUT FROM MIDEAST PRODUCERS THEMSELVES. NOTES CIA REPORTS REFUTE CLAIMS SOVIETS CONSTRUCTING MASS FACILITIES IN SOMALIA.

18. MACAO

GREENWAY (WP; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE) STATES EXPULSION CMDR SALGADO FROM MACAO DEMONSTRATES SPLIT IN PORTUGUESE ADMIN THERE BETWEEN THOSE LIKE SALGADO WHO FEEL PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION HAS NOT BROUGHT ENOUGH REFORMS, AND THOSE LIKE GOVERNOR, WHO DON'T WANT REVOLUTION "INTERRUPT BUSINESS".

SAYS PEKING WILL NEITHER PERMIT DECOLONIZATION, NOR ATTEMPT

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TAKE CONTROL MACAO JUST YET, ALLOWING ISLAND "WALLOW IN ITS SIN AND UNRESTRICTED CAPITALISM."

19. GENERAL

JKGALBRAITH (NYT 7/12) SAYS US POLICY IN VN WAS FOOLISH, MISGUIDED; BUT OUTCOME WAS TRIUMPH OF GOOD SENSE OF US, NOT DEFEAT -- FOR NEVER BEFORE HAS GREAT COUNTRY STOPPED IN MIDDLE OF WAR, ASSESSED WISDOM OF ITS PARTICIPATION, DECIDED IT WAS WRONG, AND BROUGHT ITS PARTICIPATION TO END (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ALSOP (WP), IN BANGKOK, SAYS LAOS IS NOW HANOI COLONY, AND PREDICTS CAMBODIANS AND THAIS WILL BE PEONIZED OR EXTERMINATED BY VIETNAMESE, UNLESS PRC INTERVENES POWERFULLY. MAINTAINS AMERICANS ARE POSITIVELY COMPELLED TO PRAY PEKING WILL MAKE BOTH CAMBODIA AND THAILAND FULL-FLEDGED CLIENT STATES, SINCE US HAS LOST CONTROL OF SEA EVENTS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

20. PHILIPPINES

CONTINUING CLAIM MARCOS HAS BRIBED FORMER AIDE MIJARES NOT TO TESTIFY BEFORE US CONGRESS, ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) CLAIM MARCOS NOW HAS OFFERED MIJARES UNCLASSIFIED

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100,000 DOLS TO RECANT HIS TESTIMONY, REPUDIATE COLUMNISTS' STORY AND RETIRE TO AUSTRALIA (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

21. CHINA (CONTINUED)

NYT (7/13) CITES TAIPEI-TOKYO AGREEMENT TO RESUME DIRECT AIR LINKS BY COUNTRIES' NATIONAL CARRIERS AS TYPICAL OF CONTRIVED AND CIRCUITOUS FORMULAS BY WHICH ROC IS SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDING VARIOUS FOREIGN CONTACTS, EVEN WITH NATIONS THAT HAVE TRANSFERRED DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO PEKING. NOTES PRC AUTHORITIES NOW ALSO ISSUING SOOTHING REASSURANCES US NOT BEING PRESSED ON STICKY TAIWAN ISSUE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

AFP'S HUANG, IN HK, OBSERVES PEKING IS NOW ADVISING THAT OVERSEAS CHINESE INTEGRATE WITH PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES WHERE THEY LIVE -- NEWS WELCOMED BY SEA GOVTS, LONG SUSPICIOUS OF HUA CHIAOS' AMBIGUOUS STATUS. PRC SEEMINGLY IS NOT EAGER TO HAVE THEM RETURN; THEIR INVESTMENTS ARE WELCOMED, BY THEIR "IDEOLOGICAL BACKWARDNESS" IS FROWNED UPON (WP 7/ 13). KISSINGER

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